



# SBARA GROUNDPLANE

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## SBARA WELCOMES YOU TO 2016!

### Dear SBARA Members

Happy New Year! Here we go again. Yes...it's that time again when we have to get used to writing a new year for the date on our checks. You do still write checks, don't you? I have to say...I don't write them very often these days.

Speaking of checks...you should have received your SBARA membership renewal letter from J.J. Lerma (NW6J) our Membership Chairman. PLEASE send in your check as soon as possible...preferably before the end of January 2016. There is also a slip in case you want to include an optional contribution to the repeater support fund.

I'd like to thank, once again, those Board of Directors officers and appointees who served the club for 2015 and welcome our new Board. Specifically, welcome to Jim Ritari, as Treasurer, Stephen Rishton, as Secretary, and Martin Cooper, as Compliance Manager.



I believe we have an interested person, but we haven't been able to confirm. The position is technically open until this is resolved. Please let me know if you would like to fill this important position.

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At the time of this writing, it is unclear whether we have a Raffle Chairman or not.



## CLUB MEETINGS—2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Club meetings are held the Second Friday of the Month at the Hurricane Electronics Headquarters (HE) on the southwest corner of Mission Blvd. and Warm Springs roads. Our nets are held every Wednesday at 8pm

on 10 Meters; 28.450Mhz. A social dinner is held prior to the monthly meeting at 6pm. Meet at Ho Cow in Warm Springs. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Included is a monthly program and a meeting Raffle for some great prizes!

### Special points of interest:

- News Flash

So BIG I took the entire point of Interest.....

Check out the NEW SBARA Website!! Umesh did a Fantastic Implementation for 2016 Launch.

Thanks Umesh!!!

## SBARA BOARD MEMBERS 2016

### Officers:

President	Steve Wilson	KG6HJU
Vice President	Deborah Patten	AG6HJ
Treasurer	Jim Ritari	N6DA
Secretary	Stephen Rishton	AG6TT

### Appointees:

KU6S Trustee	Don Amyx	N6DA
Martin Cooper	Compliance Manager	KD6YAM
Membership Chairman	J J Lerma	NW6J
Newsletter Editor	Bill Artelt	WB9YVM
Photographer	J J Lerma	NW6J
Quarter Master	Greg Miller	WY6P
Web Master	Umesh Ghodke	K6VUG
Circulation Manager	Tammy Dunbar	KG6HJI
Raffle Chairman	<OPEN POSITION>	
Program Facilitator	Deborah Patten	AG6HJ
Board Member at Large	Al Rendon	WT6K
Board Member at Large	Bernhard Hailer	AE6YN



## HIGHLIGHTS

As I have stated before, members are encouraged to get involved with SBARA and attend the Board of Directors meetings to get a feel for how the club operates and help provide direction for the club. Please join us!

[NOTE: The secret word for a free raffle ticket at the next SBARA meeting is "COAX." Write this word down on a piece of paper and hand it in at the raffle table for a free ticket. Limit one ticket per person.]

SBARA continues to grow and I'm excited about the year ahead. Deborah Patten (AG6HJ) continues to do an outstanding job as our Program Facilitator. As always...please share any ideas you might have for program topics or speakers.

If you'd like to get a jump on adding the annual events to your calendar, here are their dates for 2016:

**Primavera Century** – Sunday, April 17, 2016 – Volunteer opportunities for supporting communications with ham radio.

**Field Day** – Friday, June 24th through Sunday, June 26th (4th Saturday in June)

**Zucchini Festival** – August 20 - 21, 2016 – SBARA's #1 fund raising event. Come out and vol-

unteer. Support communications for the event while sharpening your radio skills with a directed net using FRS radios.

**Pacificon** – Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16, 2016

We also plan to have a couple of instances of Radio in the Park...a more casual mini-field day at Lake Elizabeth. Stay tuned for dates.

One last thing...our webmaster, Umesh Ghodke (K6VUG) has been hard at work on an updated website. Watch for its activation in the near future!

73! Steve Wilson KG6HJU

Send the Board your Ideas for the New Year 2016!!

We love to hear from you our Members!!

Send your Comments to Steve or any board member.....





We're on the Web!  
[www.sbara.org](http://www.sbara.org)

## February Action Packed Meeting *January Action Packed Meeting*

*January 8th, 2016 at 7:30pm  
Hurricane Electric,  
Fremont*

## *Amateur License Exams*

*ARRL VEC– January 9th@ 9:00 am*  
Check [www.sbara.org](http://www.sbara.org) for date,  
time, and location!

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### SBARA - Groundplane

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Articles and letters are always welcome. The normal deadline for material is the 25th day of each month for the next month's news-letter. Articles can be sent by email to hamradio at Comcast dot net or via U.S. Mail. Contact the Editor for details and submission guidelines.

Submit your content and images to; bill,  
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Thanks!

